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UD PROFESSOR RECEIVES STATEWIDE AWARD FROM COMMISSION ON MINORITY HEALTH

DAYTON, Ohio — Vernellia Randall, assistant professor of law at the University of Dayton, received the Chairman's Award of Excellence from the Ohio Commission on Minority Health at a banquet held March 31 in Columbus.

The inscription on the award plaque honors Randall, "whose life exemplifies an uncompromising commitment to uplifting the lives of minority Ohioans."

Randall, a former itinerant public health nurse and family nurse practitioner, is an adviser to the Ohio Commission on Minority Health and has been an invited speaker at health conferences and institute meetings across the nation. She was also an official reviewer for Ira Magaziner as he put together proposals for the Clinton health care reform package. Her concerns about the reform package focus on the lack of "culturally relevant" health care requirements and provisions that allow activities that would result in discrimination in providing health care.

Randall, a resident of Oakwood, was surprised by the award. "I do what I think is important," she said in accepting the honor. "But I don't think that what I do is the most important (work). The vital work is being done by the people on the front lines, who are the ones providing services. But I'll keep on doing what I can do."

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NOTE TO EDITORS: For media interviews, call **Vernellia Randall** at (513) 229-3378.